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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA FLOODING SITREP 3: FEBRUARY 28, 2007

REF: LA PAZ 528

¶1. (U) Massive flooding continues to plague the eastern Bolivian departments of the Beni and Santa Cruz and has begun to affect municipalities of Pando, a department bordering the Beni to the northwest.

- Water levels continue to rise, affecting more than 40 percent of the territory of the Beni and inundating an estimated 210,000 hectares of crops in the department of Santa Cruz. Eastern Agricultural Chamber General Manager Edilberto Osinaga estimated losses at more than USD 100 million.

- Total damage estimates have exceeded the USD 250 million reported in reftel.

¶2. (U) On February 27, President Morales visited Trinidad, the capital of the Beni, to assess the damage. He promised aid for new housing and infrastructure and later announced that the government was considering declaring three provinces of the Beni disaster zones.

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